

# **Colquitt County Long Range Transportation Study**

Kickoff and Study Advisory Committee Meeting November 6, 2008







- Purpose of the Plan
- Study Overview
- Study Schedule
- Collaboration
- Data Collection
- Study Outreach
- Group Discussion
- Next Steps





#### **Plan Purpose**

Purpose of the Plan

- Ensure that Colquitt County and its municipalities are able to meet the current and future mobility needs of residents and businesses.
- Coordinate with other planning efforts
- Ensure transportation priorities match community priorities and are consistent with the Statewide Transportation Planning Process.
- Develop a listing of prioritized transportation needs.
- Early identification of funding issues and opportunities.





#### **Plan Outcomes**

Purpose of the Plan

- Long Range improvements addressing Colquitt County and its municipalities' transportation needs and goals through the year 2035.
- Integrated solutions complementing state, regional, and local objectives.
- Tools for long-range transportation planning, financing, and justification of future improvements.

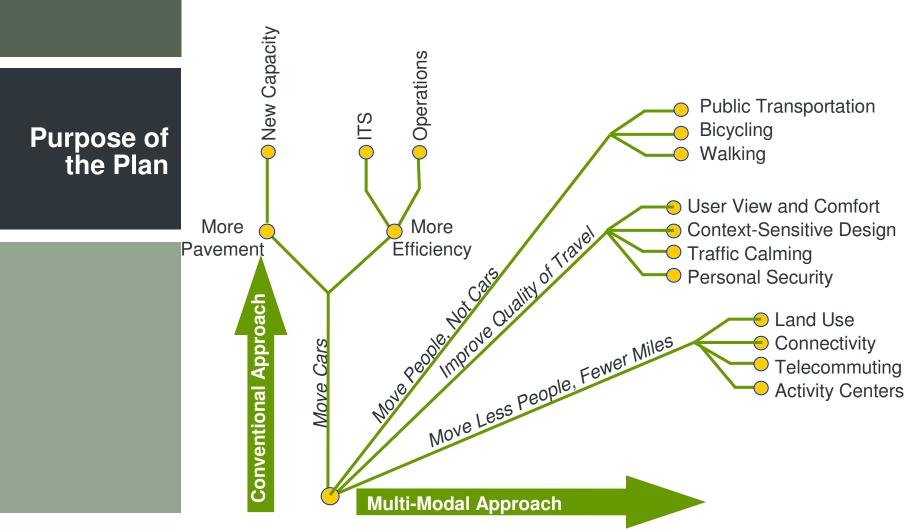




#### **Plan Development Factors State-level Plans Federal-level Planning Factors** SAFETEA-LU's **Planning Factors Economic Vitality Purpose of** Goals & the Plan **Objectives** Safety Security **LRTP** Mobility & Accessibility STIP / CWP Environmental Protection ntegration of All **Potential** Modes Improvements Operations & Maintenance Preservation of **Existing System**



#### **Transportation Options**







#### **Study Overview: Phase 1**

#### **Collaboration and Public Outreach**

Collect Multi-Modal Data

- Review Existing Plans, Studies, and Projects
- Formulate Goals and Objectives
- Establish Evaluation Factors
- Analyze Existing Conditions
- Develop Travel Demand Model





Study

**Overview** 

#### **Study Overview: Phase 2**

#### **Collaboration and Public Outreach**

Study Overview

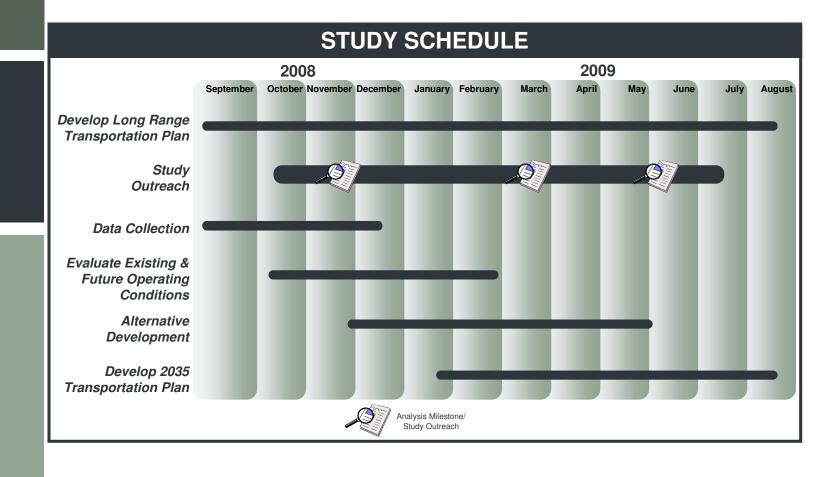
- Analyze Future Conditions
- Identify, Screen, and Prioritize Potential Improvements
- Provide Recommendations
- Develop Cost Estimates
- Determine Financial Resources and Funding

**2035** Long Range Transportation Plan



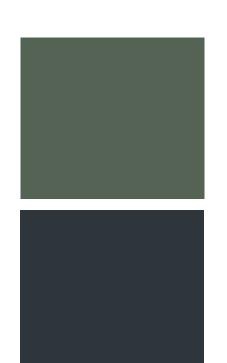


#### **Study Schedule**









#### Collaboration

- Ongoing Planning Efforts
  - Colquitt County Comprehensive Plan
  - Southwest Georgia Interstate Study
- Study Advisory Committee
- Planning Partners
  - Colquitt County
  - Cities of Moultrie, Berlin, Doerun, Ellenton, Funston, Norman Park, Riverside
  - Southwest Georgia RDC
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Citizens and community leaders





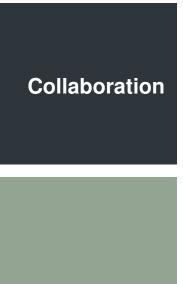
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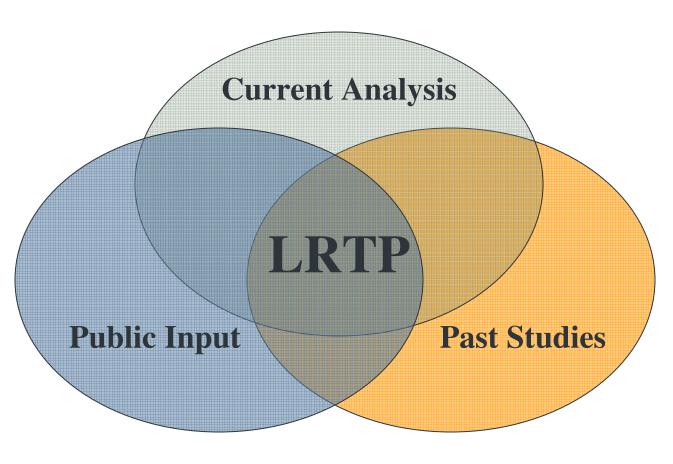


- **✓ Moultrie-Colquitt County Comprehensive Plan (2008)**
- ✓ Moultrie-Colquitt County Quality Growth Resource Team (2006)
- ✓ Southwest Georgia Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan (2007)
- ✓ Southwest Georgia Regional Agenda Update (2008-2012)
- ✓ Moultrie-Colquitt County Multimodal Transportation Study (2001)
- **✓Others?**















#### **GDOT Study Role**

- Project management
- Data support
- Study validation









#### Collaboration

#### **City/County Role**

- Input on issues and opportunities
  - Multi-modal transportation
  - Economic Development initiatives
- Data
  - Land use/zoning
  - Comprehensive Plans and related studies
  - Government services plans (schools, water, sewer, health)
  - Others?
- Participate in Study Advisory Committee
  - Recommend other participants
  - Provide or suggest meeting locations
  - Advertise and host meetings







#### **Study Advisory Committee Role**

Collaboration

- Identify Long Range issues and opportunities
- Feedback on goals and objectives
- Recommend and review potential improvements
- Communicate with constituents
- Meetings
  - Initial Kickoff November 2008
  - Existing and future conditions & Preliminary analysis – early 2009
  - Prioritized recommendations Summer 2009







#### **Public Outreach**

#### **Public Outreach Materials**

- Fact Sheets/Newsletters
- Website
- Local Media







#### **Analysis**

Data Collection

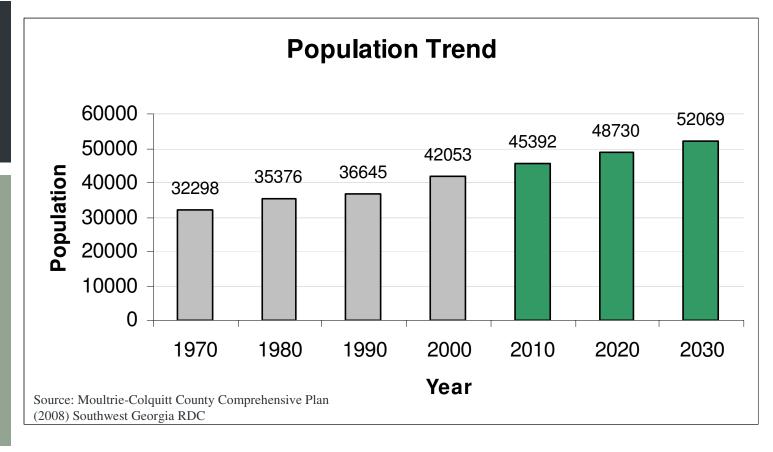
- All Modes: Roads, Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities, Aviation Access, Railroads, and Freight
- Background information and previous / ongoing studies – City, County, RDC, Others?
- Crash and Bridge data
- Transportation and land use planning documents
- Population/employment/existing and future land use data





#### **Group Discussion**

Study Outreach









#### We Need Your Input

#### Study Outreach

- Transportation deficiencies
  - Traffic Issues
  - Safety Issues
  - Alignment Issues
  - Operations/Maintenance
- Transportation issues and opportunities
- High growth and development areas
- Existing Plans
- Long-range government service plans
- Effective public outreach techniques and stakeholder identification





### **Group Discussion**

Study Outreach

- What are the biggest transportation challenges for the County as growth continues through 2035?
- Where are the opportunity areas / areas of concern in the County?
- What are your current transportation improvement priorities?
- What is the main outcome you would like to achieve through development of the plan?







## Goals and Objectives





#### **Background - Existing Goals**

#### Colquitt County Community Agenda 2028 (2008)

 An esthetically pleasing network of rural highways that aid in efficient travel across the County while serving as welcome ambassadors to visitors that travel along them.

#### Moultrie-Colquitt Quality Growth Resource Team (2006)

 Upgrading the viability and appearance of commercial corridors, including creating more attractive gateways to downtown

#### Southwest Georgia Regional Transportation Plan (1998)

 To encourage the development of an efficient, modern system of public roads and other modes of transportation, including public transit, rail, aviation and ports.



**Existing** 

Goals



Goals

#### **Background - Existing Goals**

#### Southwest Georgia Regional Agenda Update

(2004 Accomplishments, submitted DCA March 2005)

## Goal 1: Existing

Establishing access to transportation for all residents

#### Goal 2:

Promote the adequate provision of regional and local recreation facilities, infrastructure and programs in Southwest Georgia

#### Goal 3:

Promotion of the development of intermodal transportation facilities, infrastructure and programs in Southwest Georgia





# **Group Discussion**

Study Outreach

# 2035 Colquitt County Transportation Study Goals and Objectives







- Data Collection Efforts
- Development of the Travel Demand Model
- Coordination with Comprehensive Planning Efforts
- Finalization of Goals and Objectives
- Existing Conditions Analysis







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